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## **APPENDIX II**

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Abstract ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In order to increase the safety of vehicle occupants, in particular in order to reduce the stresses acting in a vehicle deceleration in the event of an impact, a force-transmission element (1) having two different levels is provided for an engine compartment. ~~According to the invention this~~ This force-transmission element is incorporated into the force path which is initiated by the impact and ~~it~~ can be shifted from one level to another according to the position of the engine in the engine compartment.

(Fig. 1a)